

CHAPTER NO. 483

HOUSE BILL NO. 1145

By Representative McMillan

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 842

By Senator Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-304, relative to medical records which are the private property of hospitals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-304(a), is amended by adding a new appropriately designated subpart as follows:

() Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a hospital from charging the actual costs of postage in addition to charges otherwise permitted by this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-304, is amended by adding the following as an new appropriately designated subsection:

() Prior to January 1, 2000 the Department of Human Services shall request from the Social Security Administration increased funding relative to medical records requested by the department to determine eligibility of persons for social security disability benefits, so that the reimbursement rates paid for such records shall be consistent with the rates permitted under item (a)(2)(A)(iii) above.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-304(a)(2)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the last sentence of the item.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 27, 1999


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 17th day of June 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR